

Witness Name: Mike Cooper
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THE INDEPENDENT INQUIRY INTO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

Supplementary Witness Statement of Mike Cooper

I, **MIKE COOPER**, Director, Children & Young People for the Ministry of Defence, will say as follows:-

Introduction

1. Having reviewed my Witness Statement dated 25 January 2019 and having been provided with additional information and clarification from MOD officials, I have decided to make one point of clarification and one replacement.

Legislation Applicable Overseas and the Service Justice System

2. In relation to paragraph 21 of my Witness Statement dated 25 January 2019, I make the following clarification.
3. The UK's civilian criminal justice system generally also has concurrent jurisdiction with the Service Justice System for sexual offences committed in the UK and in some cases for such offences committed overseas. Service Personnel and Civilians Subject to Service Discipline suspected of offences where there is concurrent jurisdiction can always be dealt with by UK civilian police and courts rather than the Service Justice System. The decision on which route is taken lies with civilian and service police and the relevant prosecutors who will also refer to any relevant protocols or guidance.

Civil orders

4. In relation to paragraph 25 of my Witness Statement dated 25 January 2019, I make the following replacement.
5. Under Queen's Regulations, Service Personnel are required to report to their Commanding Officers any summons or Order to appear before a civil court in respect of a criminal offence. Furthermore, provisions exist, under Common Law Police Disclosure (which replaced the Notifiable Occupations Scheme), for civilian police to share personal information with any employer, including the MOD and the Armed Forces, where it is necessary in order to protect the public and mitigate the risk of danger. Common Law Police Disclosure is operated in such a way as to balance the interests of the individual and the importance of public protection.

Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this supplementary witness statement are true.

Signed: _____

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Dated: _____

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